considered along with claims 26-35.

## In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 25 as follows (a clean copy of claim 25 is attached as an appendix).

Claim 25 (once amended). A rod lens <u>array including at least one rod lens</u> having a center-line-average roughness of  $0.5\mu m$  -  $2.0~\mu m$  on the peripheral surface.

## **REMARKS**

The Group III invention has been elected with partial traverse. Based on the above amendment, the election, and the explanations, claims 25-35 should now be under consideration.

Please proceed to examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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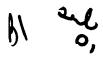
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## **APPENDIX**

## CLEAN COPY OF THE AMENDED CLAIM



25. A rod lens array including at least one rod lens having a center-line-average roughness of 0.5 μm - 2.0 μm on the peripheral surface.